

important parts of the general article on China; portions of other articles by the Rev. J. P. Hobson and the Rev. E. Lombe; but all these original drafts were revised and largely added to by the Editor, and the whole work has been now again brought up to date in regard to its missionary annals by the Rev. G. Furness Smith. The successive editions of the maps from 1873 onwards have all owed much to the care and skill of Mr. J. Bolton, of Mr. Stanford's Geographical Establishment.

The earlier editions were entirely confined to the illustration of the Missions of the Church Missionary Society. In the seventh edition (1887), which is the basis of the present one, the plan was adopted of indicating by means of letters the mission-fields and stations of other Societies. It has not been possible, however, to make this lettering uniform. In the Map of Bengal, for example, each British Society has its own letters, "S.P.G.," "E.C." (Estab. Ch. Scot.), "F.C." (Free Ch. Scot.), "B." (Baptist), "L.M." (London Miss. Soc.), "W." (Wesleyan); but in the Map of India, to indicate each Society would be to crowd the map too much, and British Societies are grouped under "C." (Ch. of Engl.), and "B." (Brit. Protestant). The Foreign Societies are generally "F.," and the American "A.,"; but in the Map of Mohammedan Lands, the American Societies are separately distinguished, "A.B.," "A.P.," "A.U.P." There is a key to the lettering at the foot of each map that is lettered; and the different Societies are always properly distinguished in the letterpress.

Nevertheless, the CHURCH MISSIONARY ATLAS does not profess to be more than its name implies. It is not an Atlas of Missions generally. Although both the articles and the maps recognize other Missions in those countries where there are C.M.S. Missions, the limited scope of the work from the first precludes the description in detail of those mission-fields in which the Society has no Missions at all; as, for example, considerable portions of Africa, Turkey and Arabia, Burmah and Malaysia, Mongolia and Corea, the South Sea Islands, the West Indies, and South America. But the Africa, India, China, and Japan articles, and some others, give a good deal of information concerning the fields and work of other Societies.

This Eighth Edition is now commended to the blessing of the One True God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Who created all men, loves all men, provided a way of salvation for all men, and commanded that it should be made known to all men.

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